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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of February 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 February 2015	1328	Opposite Hula, the crew of an Israeli enemy Humvee vehicle pointed a machine gun mounted on the vehicle towards an Observer Group Lebanon patrol and Lebanese territory.
2 February 2015	2120	The Israeli enemy fired two flare shells over the Radar position in the occupied Shab'a Farms.
7 February 2015	2100 2130	From its Radar position in the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy fired two flare shells over the surrounding area.
	2115	From its position at Summaqah in the occupied Shab'a Farms, the Israeli enemy directed several bursts of medium weapon fire towards the surrounding area.
9 February 2015	1220 1400	The Israeli enemy fired several bursts of medium weapon fire from between the Zibdin and Ramta positions in the occupied Shab'a Farms.
10 February 2015	1400	From within occupied Palestinian territory, near the Avivim barracks and opposite the town of Marun al-Ra's, an Israeli enemy soldier walked one metre past the technical fence at point BP22-1, but did not cross the Blue Line. Escorted by two Defender vehicles, a Merkava tanks and a troop carrier that came from within occupied territory, the enemy soldier inspected the area before leaving at 1420 hours at the same point.
17 February 2015	0600	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising 15 soldiers and a dog approached from occupied Palestinian territory and crossed the technical fence at a point opposite the Wazzani resort. The patrol moved on foot along the riverbank from pillar 40 to the gate opposite the Lebanese Army Wazzani pump position, without crossing the line of withdrawal. At 0500 hours, a Merkava tank and two Hummer vehicles took up positions opposite Lebanese Army point OP8 and the tank pointed its cannon towards Lebanese territory. At 1040 hours, the Hummer vehicle and the enemy soldiers withdrew, but the Merkava tank remained at its position.
21 February 2015	2245 2250	From its position at the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territory and towards the Lebanese Army position at Balat.
22 February 2015	1030	Opposite the Kafr Killa crossing point, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Defender vehicles, a Hummer vehicle, two bulldozers and a steamroller arrived from within occupied Palestinian territory and proceeded to repair the road that runs parallel to the technical fence. Some patrol members made obscene gestures and directed insults at passers-by on the Lebanese side. At 1215 hours, the patrol withdrew into occupied territory.
23 February 2015	1400	From within occupied Palestinian territory, near the Avivim barracks and opposite the town of Marun al-Ra's, the Israeli enemy fired three rounds towards Lebanese territory, where some farmers were present, without causing any injuries.
	1500 1515	Using heavy and medium weapons, the Israeli enemy strafed the perimeter of the Fashkul position in the occupied Shab'a Farms.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1815 1835	Using heavy and medium weapons, the Israeli enemy strafed the perimeter of the Fashkul position in the occupied Shab'a Farms.
25 February 2015	1500	Opposite the Rumaysh gate, the crew of an Israeli enemy Merkava tank pointed the tank's machine gun towards an Observer Group Lebanon patrol and Lebanese territory.
26 February 2015	0730	Opposite the Wazzani resort, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising eight soldiers, a dog and a Hummer vehicle approached from within occupied Palestinian territory. The soldiers opened the gate and crossed the technical fence, without violating the Blue Line. At 1000 hours, a foot patrol comprising 12 soldiers crossed the technical fence, went down to the bank of the Wazzani River, without crossing the Blue Line, and inspected the area. At 1100 hours, they returned to occupied territory after closing the gate.
	0955	The sound of three explosions that occurred near the Fashkul position in the occupied Shab'a Farms was heard. The cause of the explosions is unknown.
	1100 1420	From within occupied Palestinian territory, near the Israeli enemy position at Tall Murad and opposite the town of Alma al-Sha'b, Israeli enemy soldiers, on three occasions, trained the cannon of a tank on Lebanese army soldiers deployed near their position in Lebanese territory.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
6 February 2015	1915	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for two minutes.
16 February 2015	0900	Approximately 500 metres to the south of buoy No. 4, an Israeli enemy civilian ship and a large ferry transporting a crane, building material, cement blocks, electricity generators and a blue and a grey container carried out indeterminate work above and below the surface of the sea. Escorted by a military launch, the crane lowered building materials (sand and gravel) and cement blocks below the surface of the sea, in order to build infrastructure. At 1720 hours, the enemy army finished its activities. The ship and ferry remained at their positions.
17 February 2015	0355	An Israeli enemy launch approached the line of buoys opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, where a member of its crew directed medium weapon fire into the air and called out to a Lebanese fisherman, who was fishing from his boat in Lebanese territorial waters, approximately 200 metres north of buoy No. 5, saying, "You'd better turn back, so I don't run into you". At 0405 hours, the Lebanese fishing boat moved to the north. The enemy launch then withdrew into occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0830	The Israeli enemy army completed the activities it had started on 16 February 2015 in the vicinity of the so-called line of buoys. Escorted by a military launch, the ferry continued to lower building materials and cement blocks below the surface of the sea. At 1100 hours, the Israeli enemy army finished its activities.
23 February 2015	1840	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's al-Naqurah, individuals aboard an Israeli enemy launch directed a searchlight for 40 seconds towards a Lebanese Navy launch inside Lebanese territorial waters.
	2110	From inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for 30 seconds.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 February 2015	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1735 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0950	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 1900 hours over Rumaysh.
	1020	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1145 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
2 February 2015	0750	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1540 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1510 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1410	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1855 hours over Naqurah.
3 February 2015	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1540 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1035	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1105 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1540	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South and Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving at 2300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
4 February 2015	1850	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2310 hours over Rumaysh
5 February 2015	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1730 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0915	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Jubayl, Batrun, Basharri and Zagharta before leaving at 2300 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1600 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1020	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1240 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
7 February 2015	0910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. It circled over the South, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1315 hours over Rumaysh.
	1830	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and over the sea off Beirut before leaving at 0045 hours on 8 February 2015 over the sea off Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
8 February 2015	1200	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1345 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
12 February 2015	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1150 hours over Naqurah.
19 February 2015	0905	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Naqurah. They circled over the sea off Juniyah and Beirut before leaving at 1100 hours over the sea off Shikka.
22 February 2015	0910	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all Lebanese regions before leaving at 1050 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1000	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1530 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
	1100	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1920 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1145	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1600 hours over Kafr Killa.
23 February 2015	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1200 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
	1425	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1845 hours over Naqurah.
	1630 1715	Two Israeli enemy helicopters circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
27 February 2015	1600	A balloon used for measuring temperature that came from occupied Palestinian territory was observed over Hula.